

HOUSE BILL 771
By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to do not resuscitate
orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-224(a), is amended by deleting the language "do not resuscitate order may be issued by" and by substituting instead the language "do not resuscitate order may be issued in accordance with subsection (k) or by".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-224(e)(5), is amended by adding the following language:

"Universal do not resuscitate order" also means a Tennessee do not resuscitate bracelet or necklace issued in accordance with subsection (k).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-224, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(k) The department of health shall develop a uniform Tennessee do not resuscitate bracelet and necklace program. Beginning January 1, 2006, the department shall issue, or approve, such bracelets and necklaces to any adult person who is capable of making an informed decision and otherwise complies with the rules and regulations of the program as established by the department.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.